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(54) Title: TICKET REDISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

(57) Abstract

The present invention includes a reliable and efficient method for redistributing, purchasing or selling tickets on the secondary market. The system generally includes a method for accepting tickets from individual sellers, posting the tickets on a central database for redistribution, establishing a market price based on demand and/or a service fee (this feature may not be available in certain states due to resale restrictions or at certain arenas due to prior agreements) and redistributing the tickets to new buyers. Sellers (10) and buyers (20) suitably communicate with host system (30) which includes a networking device (40), a seller service (50), a ticket server (60), and a buyer server (70). The system allows sellers to reach a wider market and also gives more individuals an opportunity to conveniently purchase tickets to events at a reasonable price. Individual buyers are not forced to deal directly with brokers, scalpers or other types of sellers, and thus, are substantially protected from fraud.

